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<b>AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111</b>  Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	GUID-010CON2
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	Examiner Name	O'Connor, Cary E.
	Title	Method and Apparatus for Creating a Working Opening Through an Incision

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated September 14, 2005 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before December 14, 2005. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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